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Regarding Refugees.

American Consul Hanna, at Monterey, has informed the State Department that constitutional authorities have agreed to aid in locating the American vice consul, John R. Silliman. The vice consul has been missing since Huerta's agents assured Secretary of State Bryan that he had been released from custody of Mexican federalists at Saltillo.

Gen. Antonio Villarreal, governor of the state of Nuevo Leon, Consul Hanna reported, has offered an automobile to take Silliman to Monterey, if he can be found, and a flag of truce will be respected at any time to expedite Silliman's safety.

Unofficial reports were that Silliman might arrive at Mexico City today, but the department has received no such advice.

Inquiry for Other Missing Men.

Secretary Bryan has sent inquiry to Tampico regarding three men, named Winkler, Wallace and Mersler, who are reported to have disappeared. They are newspaper men—a reporter and two photographers.

Rear Admiral Badger today cleared up the mystery concerning the report to the State Department yesterday that a messenger from Admiral Fletcher had come to Gen. Maass' headquarters and thence to Mexico City.

Two Americans Slain.

Confirmation of the killing by Mexicans of Richard Urban, an American citizen of German birth, was received by the State Department today. American Consul Agent Montague at Cananea reported that Urban and a companion were attacked without provocation at Pointed Mountain, eighteen miles west of Naco, Arizona. A band of Mexicans fired from a house without warning. Urban fell dead, but his companion escaped.

The body of Porfirio Laurel, an American who was killed some time ago in Mexico, has been recovered and taken to Laredo, where it will be buried tonight, according to State Department advices today. Examination showed that Laurel had died from bayonet wounds.

Refugees at Vera Cruz.

American Consul Canada has reported that there now are 554 American refugees at Vera Cruz who have announced their intention to remain in Mexico. Consul Canada also reports 170 refugees arriving from the south on the City of Tampico. Twenty-four of these are Americans, fourteen Porto Ricans and others of various nationalities. All the Americans were placed on board the Monterey, which sailed via Puerto Mexico for the United States May 21.

Reports From Admiral Badger.

Admiral Badger reported the steamer Monterey was en route from Vera Cruz to Puerto Mexico to receive the 250 refugees who left Mexico City Wednesday. The Monterey will take her passengers to New Orleans.

Refugees have been brought out of Mexico so rapidly in the past few weeks that Rear Admiral Badger has cabled the Navy Department that he now "considers probable that the character of the steamer may be ascertained with, and any further refugees accommodated by the naval ships."

A majority of Mexican natives who were left in charge of oil wells at Tampico and Panuco after the foreign operators fled from the danger zone were unable for preservation of the properties, according to H. A. Mestas, an official of the International Petroleum Company, whose report on conditions in the oil district has been forwarded to the State Department.

Rescue From Stranded Vessel.

The destroyer Cassin, which went to the assistance of the steamer Atlantis after the latter had sunk ashore off the Mexican coast Wednesday, brought the ninety-nine passengers from the steamer to Tampico yesterday, according to a dispatch received from Rear Admiral Badger at Vera Cruz early today.

The dispatch states that the passengers were not taken aboard the battleship Connecticut, as previous reports had indicated. Admiral Badger reported that tugboats were at work in an effort to pull the Atlantis off the beach. He added that the crew were in no danger and that so far the steamer had suffered no damage. The Cassin was sent to the Atlantis by Admiral Mayo in response to her distress signals.

Gen. Funston Reports Sick Rate.

Gen. Funston reported to the War Department today that the sick rate among the soldiers and marines at Vera Cruz is 1.49 per cent among the former and 1.46 per cent among the latter. In other words, there are forty-

one soldiers in the hospital and nineteen in their quarters while among the marines the sick total is forty-five. He says there is no malaria nor yellow fever in the camp, and but one case of smallpox.

The War Department, upon Gen. Funston's request, is preparing to send to Vera Cruz apparatus and chemicals sufficient to render water potable for the soldiers for a period of thirty days.

MEXICAN CAPITAL HOLDS HUERTA IN DEADLY FEAR

Citizens Ready to Rise Against Him,
Says Missionary—Would Welcome Intervention.

That the people of Mexico City and other places held by Huerta are in mortal fear of the dictator, but are ready to rise against him, and would welcome intervention by the United States, is the claim of Prof. G. W. Caviness, a Seventh-Day Adventist missionary, who has just returned to Washington.

"Saloon are kept open," he asserted, "especially on Sunday, to entice men to get intoxicated in order that they may be seized and rushed off to the army. Other men are encouraged to loot business houses, especially those conducted by Americans, so that the federal forces can be increased, and a good many of the prisoners have had their doors swung open and the convicts released that men might be found to fight against the constitutionalists."

Officials Apprehensive.

"Even the senators and other government representatives tremble for fear that they will be summarily dealt with, if they assume to say anything against the Huerta regime. Not only do these high officials fear, but the hired executioners of the present regime have fled for fear they will in time be executed."

"Senators have been known to be spirited away and shot after making speeches against the government. The City of Mexico is in the hands of a despot, who is sending men to the front against their will and mapping out ways by which others can be captured and the army increased."

Prof. Caviness has been superintendent of the Adventist missionary operations in Mexico for a number of years, with headquarters in Mexico City, and he said that some of the more influential natives stated that the only thing that kept them from more boldly clamoring for intervention was their pride.

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